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SUBJ: ABUD DHABI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YEMENI ARMS
PURCHASES

DHAHRAN FOR USMTM

REF: ABU DHABI 1089; STATE 152695

1. IN VIEW CLOSE-DOWN OF GOVERNMENT FOR FRIDAY
MOSLEM HOLIDAY AND SATURDAY DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT AND
FOREIGN MINISTER TO TAIZ AND THEN TO SYRIA (SANAA 1441)
I THOUGHT IT WISEST NOT TO WAIT FOR SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT
AUTHORIZATION BEFORE ACTING ON ABU DHABI REFTEL. SAW
FONMIN EVENING AUGUST 2 TO RELAY MESSAGE TO PRIMIN
AND PRESIDENT. MESSAGE WAS THAT (A) WE HAD BEEN
GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF ABU DHABI'S
WILLINGNESS ASSIST FINANCIALLY IN MEETING YEMEN'S
EMERGENCY ARMS NEEDS; (B) PROSPECTIVE ARRIVAL OF
EMISSARY FROM ADG MADE IT URGENT THAT YARG
DECIDE PRECISELY WHAT IT WANTED FROM US SO THAT LIST

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COULD BE DISPATCHED TO WASHINGTON AND TOTAL COST

STATEMENT RECEIVED BACK HERE IN SANAA BY TIME EMISSARY
ARRIVED; (C) THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS MADE IT MORE
IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT YARG HAVE FULL
DISCUSSION WITH SAG. I REMINDED FONMIN THAT WE
REGARDED US ROLE WITH ABU DHABI AS CATALYTIC ONLY:
FROM NOW ON IT UP TO YARG TO CARRY THE BALL AS WE HAD
ORIGINALLY STATED TO PRIMIN HAJRI.

2. IN MY PRESENCE FONMIN PASSED FOREGOING TO BOTH
PRIMIN AND CIC MUHAMMAD AL-IRYANI. BOTH EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION. SAID WE WOULD HAVE LIST BY EVENING
AUGUST 3 OR MORNING AUGUST 4. FONMIN SAID DISCUSSIONS
UNDERWAY WITH SAUDI EMBASSY FOR CEREMONIAL STOPOVER
BY PRESIDENT IRYANI IN JIDDA ON AUGUST 5. PRESIDENT
IRYANI WOULD WELCOME ONE OR TWO HOUR TALK AT AIRPORT
WITH APPROPRIATELY SENIOR SAG OFFICIAL BUT CURRENTLY
FELT THIS SUGGESTION SHOULD COME FROM SAG RATHER THAN
FROM HIM AS RESULT HIS REQUEST. HOWEVER, FONMIN SAID,
THIS QUESTION WOULD PROBABLY ARRANG
SITSELF IN NEXT
24 HOURS. IF SO, JIDDA STOPOVER WOULD PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITY BRIEF SAG. IF NOT, SOME OTHER CHANNEL
WOULD BE USED.
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